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FOR : A Protein Belonging to the TNF Superfamily Involved in  
Signal Transduction, Nucleic Acids Encoding Same, and  
Methods of Thereof

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Dear Sirs:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the specification as follows:

Please delete the paragraph on page 1, lines 5 through 7.

Please substitute the paragraph on page 1, lines 15 through 19 with the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of copending Application Serial Number 09/210,115, filed December 11, 1998, now abandoned, which is a Continuation-in-Part of copending Application Serial Number 09/034,099, filed March 3, 1998, now abandoned,

which is a Continuation-in-Part of copending Application Serial Number 08/989,479, and 60/069,589, both filed December 12, 1997, now abandoned, the specifications of which applications are herein specifically incorporated by reference in their entireties.

Please insert the attached single page number 119 into the specification between pages 118 and 120.